Impact of Central Excise concession to the industrialists

1356. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) what is the specific impact of the Central Excise concession to the industrialists in the Central budgets for 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) the retail prices of commodities which have gone up after presentation of the 1987-88 budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Central excise duty concessions are given to excisable goods and not to industrialists. Reports indicate that after the 1987-88 budget, there is generally some increase in retail prices of certain varieties of packaged food products aerated waters, colour television sets, man-made fabrics, articles of commercial plywood trade rubber, computers, toilet soaps, washing powders, travel goods, costlier footwears, aluminium rods, glass and glassware, domestic refrigerators and cigarettes.

Number of Bank Employees and Officers in the Nationalised Banks.

1357. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of posts of employees and officers in the Nationalised banks as on 1-4-87 and the total number of vacancies that existed on the same date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): According to the latest available information (as on 31-12-1986), the staff strength of 20 nationalised banks in Officers, Clerks and Sub-staff cadres works out to be 138236, 279536 and 111416 respectively.

In January, 1987 Government have advised the public sector banks to create vacancies subject to the limit of 1 to 1.5 per cent of their actual staff strength as on 31st December, 1986.

Technology Cities in India

1358. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technology cities have been established in India;

(b) if so, what are the places where these are located; and

(c) what are the features of these cities and how they promote scientific research and its utilization in different fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Saving schemes

1359. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of savings schemes existing at present;

(b) whether they offer different rates of interest; and

(c) whether it is proposed to rationalize all those schemes to provide uniform incentives to the public for saving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) the details of the existing